

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-F-06-04

Issued at Haines, Wednesday, June 2,
2004

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2004

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Saturday, July
31, 2004. Unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit for resident anglers fishing in Chilkat Inlet of three king salmon 28 inches or more in length and, for nonresident anglers fishing in Chilkat Inlet, a bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or more in length. These actions will become effective Thursday, June 3 at 12:01 a.m. and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 31.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 33.384 Lynn Canal and Chilkat River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan, the following provisions are effective from June 3 through July 31:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(c) In the Haines/Skagway vicinity:

- (1) the salt waters of Chilkat Inlet north of the latitude of Seduction Point, except as provided in (2) of this subsection;
 - (A) the bag and possession limit for residents is 3 king salmon 28 inches or more in length, no annual limit;
 - (B) the bag and possession limit for nonresidents is 2 king salmon 28 inches or more in length, the annual limit for nonresidents is 3 king salmon 28 inches or more in length;
- (2) the salt waters of Chilkat Inlet north of a line extending from an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one mile south of Anchorage Point to an ADF&G regulatory marker located directly north of the Letnikof Cove boat ramp are closed to sport fishing for king salmon from April 15 – July 15.

JUSTIFICATION: The sport fishery for king salmon in Chilkat Inlet near Haines is managed under the guidelines of the Lynn Canal and Chilkat River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (5 AAC 33.384). This plan allows the commissioner to increase bag and possession limits in Chilkat Inlet when the projected inriver run of king salmon to Chilkat Inlet is greater than 3,600 fish. The inriver run is projected to exceed 6,000 fish. Therefore, the increase in bag and possession limits is warranted.

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for king salmon 28 inches or more in length by one fish for both residents and nonresidents. Regionwide bag and possession limits prior to this emergency order were established (emergency order 1-KS-R-1-04) at two king salmon 28 inches or more in length for residents, and one for nonresidents.

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